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Mr. Dominick Ciaraldi, Reports Analyst  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20463

RE: Defend America PAC (a multi candidate committee)  
Identification Number: C00325993

Reference: February Monthly Report (1/1/00-1/31/00)  
March Monthly Report (2/1/00-2/29/00)  
April Monthly Report (3/1/00-3/31/00)

Dear Mr. Ciaraldi:

I am in receipt of and thank you for your letters dated June 26<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000 concerning the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above.

Your three letters each raised questions regarding administrative expenses. I have enclosed a letter that I forwarded to the FEC on January 31, 2000 regarding administrative expenses for 1998 and 1999. The administrative expenses reflected in the reports filed by our committee for 1998, 1999 and 2000, to the present correctly reflect payments made for the purpose of operating Defend America PAC, which included expenses for a post office box, postage, stationary, envelopes, catering and meeting expenses (also referred to as reception expenses), consulting and fundraiser fees, accounting and preparation of FEC report fees, tax return preparation, supplies, software for FEC reporting and other operation expenses. Defend America PAC has paid independent consultants for accounting, bookkeeping, FEC compliance and fundraising activities which has eliminated the need for office expenses such as rent, utilities, salaries, and telephone services. Administrative expenses recently received and paid in 1998, 1999, and 2000 have been correctly reported in the monthly reports. There were no